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NSW Housing Provider Bombshell: NDIA Release Updated SDA Documents

New information out from the NDIA this week contains an unexpected surprise for NSW SDA providers and confirms that SDA is ploughing ahead in Victoria and other states. Brent Woolgar explores the detail. See this article at Disability Services Consulting Read more.

The NSW model does provide the safeguard of accommodation services being operated by experienced providers who have previously undergone quality management systems Third Party Verification, have operational experience and trained staff.

The NDIA released updated:

- 1. Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) Guide to Suitability (16 March 2017)
- 2. Terms of Business for Registered Providers
- 3. SDA Price Guide

Disability News

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Parliamentary Briefing

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has been described as the biggest social reform since the introduction of Medicare in the 1970s. The NDIS is currently being rolled out across NSW and Australia, and will be fully operational in NSW by July 2018.

This Issues Backgrounder provides a collection of key sources on the NDIS including information and reports published by the National Disability Insurance Agency, government departments, statutory bodies, and parliamentary committees. It also includes references to commentary from the media, academics and non-government organisations. Links are provided to the full text of sources. For copyright reasons, some linked items are only available to Members of Parliament.

Download Parliamentary Background Briefing here.

Disability News

Paralympian the new MP for Gosford

Paralympian Liesl Tesch is the new Labor member for the NSW seat of Gosford. She is the first MP in NSW to use a wheelchair. Read the Freedom2live article here.

Featured Conference

7 – 9 September 2017

Asia Pacific Autism Conference.

International Conference Centre, Sydney. http://www.apac17.org.au/

Disability News

Shared home ownership helps people with disability, researchers find

New research by UNSW's Social Policy Research Centre has found that shared home ownership schemes for people with disability bring potential benefits but also expose people to debt risks. The research, commissioned by the <u>Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute</u> (AHURI), has been published in a new report, 'Shared home ownership by people with disability'. Read the full University of NSW Newsroom article at http://newsroom.unsw.edu.au/news/social-affairs/shared-home-ownership-helps-people-disability-researchers-find

NDIS News

Support Coordination: On the Money

We meet a lot of organisations who are confused about what Support Coordination is. This article goes beyond the basics to demonstrate what Support Coordination should look like – and what it should not. Read the full article at Disability Services Consulting web site here.

National Disability Insurance Scheme CEO David Bowen announces resignation

The inaugural CEO of the troubled National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has announced his retirement. David Bowen has steered the NDIS since 2012, overseeing its three-year trial period and the beginning of its national rollout. Read the full ABC News article here.

How will the NDIS change Australian cities?

This Issues Paper by Ilan Wiesel, Carolyn Whitzman, Christine Bigby, Brendan Gleeson of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute addresses two primary questions: first, how will outcomes for NDIS participants vary in different urban contexts and domains? And, second, in what ways will the NDIS drive wider change in Australian cities affecting people both with and without disability? Read the full Australian Policy Online article at http://apo.org.au/node/74141 and download the issues paper http://apo.org.au/node/74141

Federal Court rules in favour of Victorian man over NDIS payment of transport costs

The Federal Court has upheld an appeal against the funding arrangements for transport under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Read the full ABC News article here. Also read Medianet article here. Also read The Australian article here.

Service providers, the NDIS and conflicts of interest

Leighton Jay explores some of the tensions arising from the NDIA's approach to "conflicts of interest". Read the full article at Disability Services Consulting web site here.

NDIS enrolments surging, but at what expense?

The number of people joining the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) jumped dramatically in the last three months of 2016, according to official figures. Close to 26,000 people signed on — three times the number who joined in the previous quarter. The latest numbers are a big turnaround from the first quarterly report of the scheme's "transition" phase, when only 7,400 new participants were enrolled. That was well below initial targets. But disability advocates have said the focus on enrolment numbers has a cost. Read the full ABC News article here.

National Disability Insurance Scheme rollout plagued with problems, FOI documents reveal

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) stopped processing thousands of applications from service providers, critical staff were untrained and properties were not ready when the scheme's nationwide rollout began, documents have revealed. Read the full ABC News article <a href="https://example.com/her

In The Media

Project explores relationships between client and disability support worker

The dynamics of the relationship between young people with disability and their support worker have been captured in a new book produced as part of a national research project. Read the full Community Care Review article <a href="https://example.com/here.

Mixed views on changes to support for disadvantaged seniors in aged care

The Aged Care Financing Authority's proposals to change the arrangements around government-supported older people in residential aged care have drawn a mixed response among provider groups. Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article here.

Questions raised over wait for aged care assessment, packages

Aged Care Assessment Teams in just two states are meeting their targets for "high priority" referrals, department officials have revealed, while Labor says the number of assessments conducted each year has fallen significantly Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article here.

ASIC to advise on aged care fees, agreements.

Featured Organisation

Down Syndrome NSW

http://www.downsyndromensw.org.au

Down Syndrome NSW (DS NSW) champions the right of people with Down syndrome to have the same access to society as everyone else. This means the right to health, education, work, family and being part of the community. We achieve this by supporting people with Down syndrome, their families and carers to be part of a strong and vibrant community that is informed, engaged and active. DS NSW is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that was established in 1980 by parents of children with Down syndrome. Today DS NSW is still proudly parent run. Membership Information here

Down Syndrome Australia

http://www.downsyndrome.org.au

Down Syndrome Australia was established in 2011 as the peak body for people with Down syndrome in Australia. Our purpose is to influence social and policy change, provide a national profile and voice for people living with Down syndrome, and to build resources and knowledge capacity of the state and territory Down syndrome associations. We work collaboratively with the state and territory Down syndrome associations to achieve our mission. Our vision is an Australia where people living with Down syndrome are valued, reach their potential and enjoy social and economic inclusion. Journal subscription information <a href="https://example.com/here-en-people-living-net-people

Health News

Are your clients vaccinated against the flu? - also what about the staff.

Vaccine myopia: adult vaccination also needs attention

The vast majority of people who are eligible to receive free vaccines under the National Immunisation Program, but do not receive them, are adults rather than children. We estimate that there are about 4.1 million undervaccinated Australians each year; that is, people who are eligible to receive free vaccine(s) under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) but do not receive them. Many vaccines are officially recommended for Australians in a range of circumstances, at full cost to the individual, at a subsidised cost or free of charge. The latter category are vaccines that have been added to the NIP Schedule for eligible groups, following expert advice that they should be provided free of charge, based on an analysis of the disease burden, vaccine efficacy, safety and cost. In this article, we specifically discuss NIP vaccines and eligible groups.

Official Immunization Information

http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/

The more people who are vaccinated, the fewer opportunities a disease has to spread.

This year for the first time the flu shot will be available at pharmacies nationwide, as well as medical centres and GP clinics. It is important to note that while the vaccines are provided free, there may be a consultation fee.

Australian Immunisation Handbook

National Immunisation Program Schedule

- Influenza (flu)
- 15 years and over
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide (23vPPV) (medically at risk)
- 50 years and over
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide (23vPPV)

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Disability News

Building the readiness of the non-government sector for the NDIS

NSW Audit Office report - 'Building the readiness of the non-government sector for the NDIS' was tabled in Parliament. The report found that the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has effectively expanded the overall capacity of the non-government disability sector in preparation for the NDIS. The report's findings are a testament to the sustained, collaborative effort and investment in the disability sector over the past 10 years in NSW.

FACS is committed to implementing all four recommendations of the report and to work closely with National Disability Services and the National Disability Insurance Agency to support providers throughout the remainder of the NDIS transition period.

FACS' formal response and more information on how the recommendations will be addressed can be found at http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/publications/latest-reports/building-readiness-ndis

Books & Publications

Entering into a contract with a service provider

For information about choosing a provider and making a service agreement using NDIS funding visit the NDIS website (link is external).

See also:

- Entering into a contract
- Unfair contract terms

SCIA E-News - read our bi-monthly e-news here published by Spinal Cord Injuries Australia.

Policies & Guidelines

National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 link

NDIS Rules link

Directories Online

Find registered service providers - National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Disability News

NSW Government To Deliver 78 New Group Homes In The Hunter Region

Seventy eight new group homes will be built in the Hunter region at locations chosen by people with disability and their families to replace large residential centres. The Minister for Disability Services Ray Williams announced the purpose-built accommodation will be constructed by Home4Life. "More than 390 people currently living in Kanangra, Stockton and Tomaree residential centres will benefit from the new group homes which will allow residents to be more engaged in the community," Mr Williams said. Click to access the full Media Release

Research & Demographic Reports

Autism in Australia

Autism Spectrum Australia describes autism as: *lifelong developmental disabilities characterised by marked difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests and behaviours and sensory sensitivities.* The Autism in Australia web snapshot shows that an estimated 164,000 people had autism in 2015, representing about 1 in 150 Australians. In 2014-15, around 43,500 people with autism accessed services under the National Disability Agreement, with 64% using community support services - services which provide assistance to live in a non-institutional setting such as therapy support, early childhood intervention and behaviour or specialist intervention. Males were 4 times more likely than females to have the condition, with prevalence rates of 0.8% and 0.2% respectively. Download AIHW web report: Autism in Australia

Evaluation of the CHOICES program report for Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, August 2013. The evaluation of the CHOICES Program was commissioned by Spinal Cord Injuries Australia and was undertaken by Dr Pat Dorsett from Griffith University, School of Human Services and Social Work within the Griffith Health Institute. The purpose of the review was to assess the impact of the new CHOICES Program for clients of the service.

<u>Association Between Maternal Body Mass Index in Early Pregnancy and Incidence of Cerebral Palsy</u>

Eduardo Villamor, MD, DrPH; Kristina Tedroff, MD, PhD; Mark Peterson, PhD; et al. In this nationwide cohort study of 1.4 million singleton Swedish children, maternal overweight and obesity were statistically significantly associated with increased rates of cerebral palsy. The association was restricted to children born at full term and partly mediated through asphyxia-related neonatal complications. JAMA. 2017;317(9):925-936. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.0945. Read abstract here.

Specialist homelessness services 2015-16

This is the fifth annual report of the Specialist Homelessness Services Collection, and the second as an online web report. The web report provides information about the clients of specialist homelessness agencies who were assisted in 2015-16, the services they requested, the support they received, and outcomes achieved. It also presents key trends from the 5 years of the collection. Since July 2011, agencies have supported over 800,000 Australians who were either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. During 2015-16, an estimated 279,000 Australians were assisted by specialist homelessness services, equivalent to 1 in 85 Australians. One in 6 clients were female and 1 in 4 were Indigenous. Nationally, on any given day 1,500 agencies across the country are supporting around 57,000 clients, including 10,000 young people who present alone and over 16,000 children in families being supported. Conversely, 275 times each day people were unable to be assisted by specialist homelessness agencies. Download report: Specialist homelessness services 2015-16

Neurological Autoantibody Prevalence in Epilepsy of Unknown Etiology

Divyanshu Dubey, MD; Abdulradha Alqallaf, MD; Ryan Hays, MD; et al. Autoimmunity may contribute to some unexplained epilepsy cases. This prospective study of 112 consecutive patients with new-onset epilepsy or established epilepsy of unknown etiology found that 39 patients had serum antibodies suggesting an autoimmune etiology and more than 20% had autoantibodies strongly suggesting autoimmune epilepsy. An antibody prevalence in epilepsy score of 4 or higher can help estimate the likelihood of an autoimmune origin. JAMA Neurol. 2017;74(4):397-402. doi:10.1001/jamaneurol.2016.5429 Read abstract here.

Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2014-15

Following the September 2016 release of the mental health report (2013-14), updated data for 2014-15 show the rate of hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm increased compared with the previous year. Rates are available via Excel downloads for Australias 31 Primary Health Network areas and for more than 300 smaller local areas (SA3s). Some downloadable PDF resource pages are also provided. Download report: Hospitalisations for mental health conditions and intentional self-harm in 2014-15

Featured Course

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Education Resources

Younger onset dementia free toolkit launched for care workers

A new educational resource has been developed to boost the knowledge of care workers supporting people with younger onset dementia. Researchers from Edith Cowan University's School of Nursing and Midwifery created the free toolkit in partnership with care and retirement living providers Bethanie and Mercy Health and funded by The Lovell Foundation. The interactive resource, which includes audio and video links, supports care workers to develop a deeper understanding of a wellness approach and identify person-centred strategies to improve the wellbeing of young people living with dementia. Read the full Community Care Review article and links for downloading the FREE resource here.

NDIS Glossary

A new glossary of NDIS terms is now available on our website. An Easy English version will also be added soon. This will make it easy to access NDIS specific terms and their meanings. Download the glossary today from the <u>factsheets page of our website</u>

My Right To Be Heard – A video featuring five people with disability who provide personal insights into their lives and the importance of being heard. The NSW Deputy Ombudsman and Disability Services Commissioner also appears in the video, sending a strong message about the obligation of all agencies and their staff to adopt an inclusive and 'person centred' approach to complaint handling. The Commissioner's message is supported by practical advice from one of our most experienced complaints handlers. The video can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/s5h5eHPtii8

<u>Tips for Accessible Complaint Handling</u> – a practical guide for frontline staff about adopting a personcentred and inclusive approach to complaints. The tips sheet is *attached* to this email and is available on our website: www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

NSW Ombudsman resources for disability service providers include:	
disal	Guidelines, factsheets and training on the initial and early response to abuse and neglect of people with bility
	Training on Complaint handling
•	<u>Disability e-News Updates</u> – our disability e-newsletter provides key information about our work in relation eople with disability and the broader disability sector. To subscribe, email nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au with subject 'Subscribe to Disability e-news'.

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Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Parramatta, NSW. Register

2 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Kempsey, NSW. Register

2 May 2017

NDIS Let's Get NDIS Ready: Every Australian Counts. Nowra, NSW. Details & Registration

3 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Port Macquarie, NSW. Register

3 May 2017

NDIS Let's Get NDIS Ready: Every Australian Counts. Wollongong, NSW. Details & Registration

3 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Tamworth, NSW. Register

3 - 4 May 2017

Human Rights, & Diversity, Grants, Change Management & Measuring Outcomes. Western Sydney CF Parramatta, NSW. Information.

4 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Taree, NSW. Register

4 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Armidale, NSW. Register

4-5 May 2017

19th International Conference on Disability and Diversity. Rome, Italy.

https://www.waset.org/conference/2017/05/rome/ICDD

5 May 2017

NDIS Community Information Session. Midland, WA. Details & Registration

5 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Gosford, NSW. Register

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Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Moree, NSW. Register

8 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Sydney, NSW. Register

8 May 2017

Inclusive Education Workshop: One Of The Kids. Camden, NSW. Family Advocacy. Details

8 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Bega, NSW. Register

8 - 12 May 2017

P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer (Predict, Assess and Respond to Threats of Aggression/Violence. Sydney. MTU Training Concepts. Information.

9 May 2017

NDIS Let's Get NDIS Ready: Every Australian Counts. Albury, NSW. Details & Registration

9 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Nowra, NSW. Register

10 May 2017

Inclusive Education Workshop: One Of The Kids. Ashfield, NSW. Family Advocacy. Details

10 - 11 May 2017

ATSA Independent Living Expo. Sydney Olympic Park. http://www.atsaindependentlivingexpo.com.au/call-for-papers/

11 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Wollongong, NSW. Register

11 May 2017

Inclusive Education Workshop: One Of The Kids. Forestville, NSW. Family Advocacy. Details

11 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Dubbo, NSW. Register

12 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Wollongong, NSW. Register

12 May 2017

Inclusive Education Workshop: One Of The Kids. Miranda, NSW. Family Advocacy. Details

12 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Newcastle, NSW. Register

15 May 2017

NDIS Provider Information Session. Darwin, NT. Details & Registration

15 May 2017

NDIS Support Coordination Workshop. Darwin, NT. Details & Registration

15 - 16 May 2017

Disability at Work 2017. Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. Web site

16 May 2017

NDIS Let's Get NDIS Ready: Every Australian Counts. Broken Hill, NSW. Details & Registration

16 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Lithgow, NSW. Register

17 May 2017

NDIS for Non-Disability Workers. Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. Register here.

17 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Bankstown, NSW. Register

17 - 18 May 2017

Live, Work and Play: NSW the State of Inclusion. International Convention Centre, Sydney. Register here.

18 May 2017

NSW State of Inclusion: Live, Work and Play Conference. International Conference Centre, Sydney. Registration

22 - 26 May 2017

P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer (Predict, Assess and Respond to Threats of Aggression/Violence. Melbourne. MTU Training Concepts. <u>Information.</u>

23 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Campbelltown, NSW. Register

23 - 24 May 2017

Person Centred Active Support. Camperdown, Centre for Disability Studies, Sydney University. <u>Details & Registration.</u>

24 May 2017

NDIS Families Getting NDIS Ready. Bomaderry. Resourcing Families. Registration.

24 May 2017

ATSA Independent Living Expo. Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane. http://www.atsaindependentlivingexpo.com.au/call-for-papers/ 24 May 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Penrith, NSW. Register

25 May 2017

Understanding Person Centredness. Centre for Disability Studies. Sydney. Details & Registration

25 May 2017

NDIS Families Getting NDIS Ready. Wollongong. Resourcing Families. Registration.

26 May 2017

NDIS Families Getting NDIS Ready. Miranda. Resourcing Families. Registration.

27 May 2017

NDIS Perth Hills Expansion Areas Information Session. York, WA. Details & Registration

28 - 31 May 2017

National Speech Pathology Australia Conference. International Convention Centre, Sydney, NSW. Web site

30 - 31 May 2017

Strengthening Dementia Strategy Conference. Sydney. Info & Registration

30 - 31 May 2017

I-Can v5 Facilitator Training. Centre for Disability Studies. Sydney. Details & Registration

1 June 2017

Better Practice in Aged Care. Novotel Melbourne on Collin, Melbourne VIC. https://www.aacqa.gov.au/

2 June 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Orange, NSW. Register

2 June 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Queanbeyan, NSW. Register

4 - 8 June 2017

International SRV Conference. Winnipeg, Canada. web site

9 June 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Broken Hill, NSW. Register

9 June 2017

Is The Such A Thing As A Good Group Home Seminar. Sydney. Centre for Disability Studies (CDS) & Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID). Info & Registration

14 June 2017

Managing Challenging Behaviour. Canberra. ACWA-CCWT. Register here.

15 June 2017

Challenging Behaviour's in Children and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities. Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. Register here.

16 June 2017

Succeeding with Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder/Asperger's Syndrome. Brisbane. Register here.

16 June 2017

Disability Justice: Therapeutic Approaches to Guide Change. Bateman's Bay, NSW. Register

19 June 2017

NDIS What is the NDIS and Participant Pathway. Darwin, NT. Details & Registration

19 June 2017

NDIS Provider Information Session. Darwin, NT. Details & Registration

19 June 2017

NDIS Support Coordination Workshop. Darwin, NT. Details & Registration

19 - 21 June 2017

IASSIDD Health SIRG . Belfast, Ireland. web site

21 June 2017

Relationships, Sexuality & Disability. Centre for Disability Studies. Sydney. Details & Registration

26 June 2017

Person-Centred Approach in Disability: Mapping The Road. Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. Register here.

27 June 2017

The PATH Process. Centre for Disability Studies. Sydney. Details & Registration

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